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To whom it May Concern:

I am writing today as a taxpayer and as a computer professional. I must say that I am appalled at the waste of time and money by the US government regarding their continued pursuit of Microsoft.

I think that we all should look at the overall benefits from Microsoft products. The computer industry has benefited greatly over the past number of years due to the fact that Microsoft has taken a leadership role in the development and deployment of useful tools for each and every consumer. Without the leadership that Microsoft provides, there would be far too many standards and applications that probably could not and would not interact with one another in an appreciable way.

Please lets just accept the agreement on the table and allow Microsoft to continue to innovate and produce the high-quality software that every computer user has become accustomed to using. The proposed remedy, to which Microsoft has agreed, should allow many more companies to have access to the parts of the Windows operating environment so that they, too, may be able to develop robust, useful applications. Why continue to try to destroy one of the best examples of corporate success in America?s history.

I applaud the management team at Microsoft for helping virtually every computer user in the world today. OK, there may be a few apple hold-outs, but whose programs are used by the overwhelming majority of personal computer users in the world? Microsoft! Whose programs are the glue that holds together countless production applications and environments? Microsoft! Let the nay-sayers try to imagine for just one moment how difficult their jobs would be without the standards and programs provided by Microsoft.

So, as far as I am concerned, I think that the government (courts) should approve the agreement, and let Microsoft continue to provide me, and all of the other computer users in the world, with the fine software products that we have come to expect from them.

Sincerely,

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